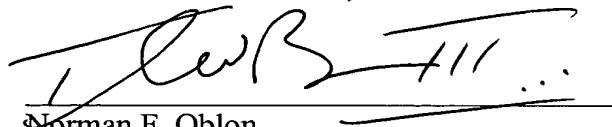


REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are canceled. Claims 4-18 are new and pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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